

right reasons. The public has far too much at stake to allow competition to jeopardize reliability. Already, the pendulum has swung so far in the direction of open competition that reliability is being compromised.

New participants in the industry tend to think of electricity as a commodity, to be bought and sold like any other. They are fond of comparing electricity to natural gas and seek an industry structure in which they can trade electricity without limits. But as long as electricity is dependent upon instantaneous transmission—until it can be stored efficiently for later use—we cannot afford to treat it as a simple commodity. The risk are far too great to permit this mindset to govern energy policy. New players, policy-makers, and even many established utilities must come to realize that electric system reliability doesn't happen by itself. It takes planning, resources, and time to ensure that the nation's electric grid will continue to operate smoothly.

The North American grid can become a balanced playing field—accessible to all, supportive of open competition, and robust enough to withstand the worst that nature and growth can throw at it. Or it can decline into a choked and inefficient war zone where interruptions are commonplace, as industry players try to outdo each other in search of short-term profit. Restructuring can help create that balanced field by encouraging new generators to enter the market and relieve the current shortage of electricity production. Without comparable improvements in transmission, however, we may be putting out the fire with gasoline.

TRIBUTE TO ADAM GRAVES

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the exploits of a remarkable athlete and humanitarian, Adam Graves of Tucumseh, Ontario, Canada. On Wednesday, June 14, 2000, he was feted at the Brownstone House in Paterson, NJ, because of his selfless dedication to the community and children by the Boys & Girls Club of Passaic, NJ, at the Annual Sportsman of the Year Dinner. It is only fitting that Adam be honored, for he has a long history of caring, generosity and commitment to others.

The road to Adam's professional career took him through the minor leagues. He made his AHL debut in the 1987 playoffs. In 1989, he helped Adirondack win the Calder Cup and notched 11 goals and 7 assists.

In an All-Star Junior career, Adam totaled 100 goals and 124 assists in two and a half seasons with Windsor of the OHL. He led the team in playoff goals in all three seasons. Adam also captained the Spitfires to the OHL Championship in 1988. In addition, he led the OHL in playoff scoring with 32 points.

Adam Graves also has a stellar international record. As a member of the Gold Medal-winning Canadian Junior team at the World Junior Championships in 1988, he notched five goals. He also served as captain of Team Canada at the 1993 World Championships in Munich, Germany, tallying six points. Additionally, he garnered seven points representing Team Canada at the 1999 World Championships in Norway.

Selected by the Detroit Red Wings in the second round, Adam was the 22nd overall

pick of the 1986 NHL Entry Draft. After 3 years he was traded to the Edmonton Oilers, where he helped the team win the Stanley Cup. Adam was signed by the New York Rangers as a free agent on September 2, 1991, and clinched his second Stanley Cup in 1994.

In total, Adam has appeared in 907 career NHL games, registered 293 goals and 248 assists for 541 points, along with 61 post-season points. He played in his first NHL All-Star Game on January 22, 1994, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Born April 12, in Toronto, Ontario, Adam Graves wears number nine on the New York Rangers. He plays left wing, is 6 feet tall and weighs 205 pounds. His teammates often call him "Gravy." Interestingly, in 1998, he appeared in an episode of "Spin City" starring Michael J. Fox. Adam also captured the "Good Guy" award, presented by the New York chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association, for cooperation with the media. In addition, he is a four-time winner of the "Players' Player" award, given annually to the best "team player" as voted by the players.

As a concerned member of the community, Adam serves as a celebrity chairman for Family Dynamics, a New York City child abuse agency. He helped raise more than \$80,000 at the agency's annual Family Dynamics event. "Gravy" makes several appearances with many charitable organizations during the season, including the annual Toys for Tots collection during the holiday season. He was the recipient of the "Crumb Bum" award in 1992–1993 for his work with New York youngsters. Along with four other professional athletes, he was awarded the USA Weekend "Most Caring Athlete" Award for his charitable efforts and community service.

Over the years, Adam has made a significant impact in the NHL and beyond through his commitment to charity. He is a four-time winner of the Steven McDonald Award, given to the Rangers player who "goes above and beyond the call of duty," as voted by the fans. In 1993–1994, he received the NHL's prestigious King Clancy Memorial Trophy. This award is given to a player that best exemplifies leadership on and off the ice and has made a noteworthy humanitarian contribution in his community. He is the first Rangers player to be so honored.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Adam's family and friends, the Boys & Girls Club of Passaic, the New York Rangers, the National Hockey League and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Adam Graves.

IN RECOGNITION OF HUGH M. "LALLY" BATES

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Alabama's finest, Mr. Hugh "Lally" Bates. On June 30, 2000, Mr. Bates will retire, ending his distinguished 38-year public service career. Speaking about leadership, Winston Churchill once said "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and

sweat." After a career marked by blood, toil, perhaps tears, and a great deal of sweat, Mr. Lally Bates will soon be retiring from public service.

Ever since enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps on his 18th birthday, Mr. Bates has served his country, his state, and his community with nothing less than the utmost integrity and professionalism. Today we honor this distinguished man and publicly thank him for his sacrifices.

While serving in the Marine Corps, Mr. Bates was stationed in Korea with the First Marine Division, Fifth Marine Regiment. During his service, he was wounded on three separate occasions. He was awarded three Purple Hearts, and the Bronze Star with combat "V" for valor in personally destroying a North Korean machine gun emplacement and with it, four North Korean soldiers.

President Lyndon Johnson appointed Mr. Bates to the position of Postmaster of Clanton in 1965. His distinguished service in this capacity earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow Postmasters who twice elected him to serve as the National President of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS). In fact, Lally Bates is one of only two Postmasters ever elected to serve twice as the National President of NAPUS.

Aside from his professional duties, Mr. Bates has served Chilton County in a number of civic leadership capacities. He has twice been named the president of the Chilton County Chamber of Commerce, and been honored for his service as president of this organization that further honored him by naming him its Citizen of the Year this past January.

He further served as the president of the Clanton Quarterback Club, the Clanton Dixie Youth Baseball League, and the Civil Defense Rescue Squad. Additionally, his concern for others led him to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Chilton County Hospitals. Always selfless, Lally Bates has continued to serve his fellow veterans as commander of American Legion Post No. 6.

While Mr. Bates may be known by many as the Postmaster of Clanton, others may recognize his voice. For 41 years, Mr. Bates has been the Voice of the Chilton County Tigers football team on WEZZ radio, representing his alma mater.

Today I want commend Mr. Bates for his years of service. As an Alabamian, I am grateful for all that he has done to serve his community. I thank Mr. Bates, and the Bates family, for sharing time with the community. Today, I thank him for all of your blood, toil, tears, and sweat.

MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL FORESTS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Matt Bennett, who is a very good friend of mine, wrote an editorial today in the Knoxville News-Sentinel about the management of our national forests.

This Administration has proposed a plan to manage our national forests which many people believe could actually end up harming our